(iv) Achieving a 50 per cent improvement in levels of adult literacy by 2015, especially for women, and equitable access to basic and continuing education for all adults.

(v) Eliminating gender disparities in primary and secondary education by 2005, and achieving gender equality in education by 2015, with a focus on ensuring girls' full and equal access to and achievement in basic education of good quality.

(vi) Improving all aspects of the quality of education, and ensuring excellence so that recognized and measurable learning outcomes are achieved by all, especially in literacy, numeracy and essential life skills.

UNESCO is required to coordinate global action towards achieving the EFA goals through enhancing dialogue between countries, donors and civil society.

(c) and (d) Presently, a Mid-Term Assessment of progress made towards the attainment of EFA Goals is being carried out by all countries, including India. Various flagship programmes/ targeted schemes/policies like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Mid-Day-Meal scheme (MDM), National Literacy Mission (NLM), National Youth Policy-2003, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) etc. are being implemented by the Government for attainment of the EFA Goals.

Registration of new cases in courts

†*148. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of new cases registered in the Supreme Court, High Courts, District and Subordinate Courts of the country exceeds the number of cases disposed of during a year;

(b) if so, the details in that regard; and

(c) the extent of increase in the number of cases registered in each category of courts, during 2004 to 2007, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of cases registered and disposed of in the Supreme Court, High Courts, and the District and Subordinate Courts are as given below:—

	Cases rigistered	Cases disposed of	Period
Supreme Court	68896	59657	1.10.06 to 30.9.07
High Courts	1593019	1491865	1.7.06 to 30.6.07
District & Subordinate Courts	15753707	12212471	1.7.06 to 30.6.07

(c) The details of number of cases registered in each category of courts during 2004-2007 (upto October in respect of Supreme Court and June in respect of the High Courts and the District and Subordinate Courts) are given below:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Supreme Court

Year	Cases Registered
2004	58931
2005	50540
2006	61839
2007 (upto 31st Oct)	58494

High Courts

Year	Cases Registered	
	Civil	Criminal
2004	1039636	422158
2005	1082492	460398
2006	1075878	506028
2007 (upto 30th June)	506474	254497

Subordinate Courts

Year	Cases Registered	
	Civil	Criminal
2004	3697242	11888475
2005	4069073	13194289
2006	4012250	11611462
2007 (upto 30th June)	1824720	5663181

Shortage of Teachers in Technical Institutes and Engineering Colleges

†*149. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that technical institutes and engineering colleges in the country are facing acute shortage of teachers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by Government for recruitment of teachers, in view of the said problem;

(d) whether it is also a fact that one of the main reasons for the said problem is brain drain;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the international criteria about student-teacher ratio with regard to the said colleges; and

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